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1. ROK FOREIGN MINISTER PAK TONG-CHIN DEPARTED SEOUL
EARLY SEPTEMBER 11. HE WAS AWARE THAT SECRETARY WAS
LEAVING FOR AFRICA AND THEREFORE DID NOT EXPECT TO SEE
HIM WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 13. SUGGEST DEPARTMENT
CONTACT FONMIN IN NEW YORK TO ARRANGE MEETING WITH UNDER-
SECRETARY.

2. IN REGARD REFERENCE B, CHARGE' MADE POINT TO FOREIGN
MINISTER DURING LAST MEETING (REF C) THAT ROK IS ON PUBLIC
RECORD SUPPORTING NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE. WE WILL
REEMPHASIZE POINT TO ROKG THAT IT SHOULD NOT REFUSE
ASSISTANCE FOR RESUMPTION OF DIALOGUE. WE BELIEVE
THAT THE KEY ROK OFFICIAL ON THIS ISSUE IS FONMIN WHO,
DESPITE OUR REPEATED SUMMARY OF SECRETARY'S INSTRUCTIONS
TO AMBASSADOR EILTS, MAY NOT HAVE FULLY UNDERSTOOD. HE
SEEMED PREOCCUPIED WITH HIS UNHAPPINESS WITH HIS CAIRO
CONSUL GENERAL. WE SUGGEST UNDERSECRETARY PURSUE THIS
MATTER WITH FONMIN.
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